

UNAPPROVED MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2009 Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Place of Meeting: Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL BPAC Members

Present: Vice Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Rene Briones, Aaron Faupell,

Staff: City Council Member Armando Gomez, Janice Spuller

Absent: Cheryl Bunnell Jose Leon Wei Sun, Cheng-Wei Pei

Quorum was established. Vice Chair Stanojevic conducted the meeting

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the April 13, 2009 Agenda

M/S: Briones/Faupell

All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Approval of February 9, 2009 Minutes

Commissioner Briones had a correction to item VIII-2.i. under "Suggested Routes to School Program. He had a grammar correction to the first sentence. It should read "Request for Qualifications was released January

26."

Motion to approve February 9, 2009 Meeting minutes as amended: Faupell

Second: Briones

All Ayes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Announcements

No chair announcements were made.

2. Commission Announcements-Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings

Commissioner Faupell mentioned he invited Sun Bike Shop to attend our meetings if they have any questions regarding biking in Milpitas

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3. Staff Announcements

Staff Janice Spuller stated the City Council will be reviewing the Open Government ordinance at the 4/21/09 meeting. She will be holding off on providing the Open Government training to the new and possibly all membership once the ordinance has been amended and the training rerecorded for video.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bikeway Master Plan

i. Bicycle System Map

Ms. Spuller stated the Bikeway Master Plan is going through a 30-day environmental review period ending May 7, 2009.

The system map is being revised. Commissioner Faupell asked if the map can be complete by Bike to Work Day. Ms. Spuller said she will try to at least have a small printed amount for distribution that for the event.

Commissioner Faupell suggested that language in the Bikeway Master Plan that refers to a negative connotation for bicycling should be removed such as statements regarding police-cited accidents involving bicycles.

2. Suggested Routes to School Program

Ms. Spuller updated the Commission on the status of the Request for Qualifications for a consultant to update the Suggested Routes to School Program. She mentioned Chair Bunnell assisted with the review process, reviewing and interviewing the consultants for selection. A consultant was selected but staff is still reviewing the scope and budget before finalizing.

3. South Park Victoria Bike Lane Proposal

Ms. Spuller updated the Commission on the status of the proposal. The City Council Transportation & Land Use Subcommittee has reviewed and approved the project. The next steps are to have Council approval and move forward for design and construction in the Summer.

4. Milpitas Family Day

Ms. Spuller stated that this May 16, 2009 event is cancelled due to financial reasons and because of the event location is adjacent to the construction site at the new Senior Center.

5. Bike to Work Day, May 14, 2009

Ms. Spuller suggested that the same energizer stations at Montague Expressway and Main Street and City Hall be maintained. The

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Commission previously requested usage figures to choose a location; however, this data is not available. Ms. Spuller said she will check back on traffic counts to see if bicycle data was recorded. It might not be the same locations as bicyclists travel.

A draft Proclamation was reviewed and approved by the Commission. The Proclamation will be received at the May 5 City Council meeting. Ms. Spuller will send an email out to request who will be attending.

Commissioner Briones stated he can help at the Montague/Main Station, but if the other commissioners Sun and Pei are at the Main Station, he can be at City Hall.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant

Ms. Spuller stated that every year the City of Milpitas is guaranteed a setamount of funding toward bicycle and pedestrian projects. This amount changes every year. This year, staff proposed using the funds to install the bicycle route markings and pedestrian ADA ramps throughout the City. Ms. Spuller referred to the draft priority list of projects detailed in the draft Bikeway Master Plan Update. The top 16 bicycle route related projects would receive priority in the bicycle route installation.

Ms. Spuller also added this TDA grant also funded the Bikeway Master Plan Update.

X. ROUNDTABLE/ OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

There were no items of discussion regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

2. Safety

Commissioner Briones said that he noticed the Police Department is enforcing seat belts. He feels they should focus on helmet enforcement and possibly have some type of helmet fitting event.

Ms. Spuller stated the City's Police Department is involved with the Traffic Safe Communities Network Juvenile Diversion Program. This program cites children that are not wearing a helmet while riding or any bicycle infractions and makes the child and parent participate in a course that discusses law and helmet safety. At this event, children without helmets are given them. Ms. Spuller said she will check with the Police Department to see if they are still citing children and if they will be hosting these courses anytime soon.

3. Public Awareness

Commissioner Faupell mentioned a Palo Alto school is piloting this "Frieker Program" which is an electronic frequent rider program.

Students who bike or walk to school slide their card and earn prizes. The cost to start up is \$4,000.

2. ADJOURNMENT Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

M/S: Briones/Faupell

All Ayes

Next Meeting: June 8, 2009